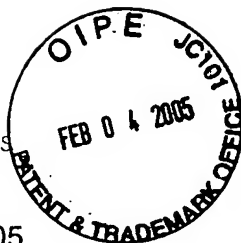


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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/827,300 for
VARIABLE MULCHING SYSTEM FOR A LAWNMOWER
Our Ref. No. 1449/21/2 DIV

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment Transmittal Form (2 pages - in duplicate);
2. An Amendment A; and
3. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

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Respectfully submitted,

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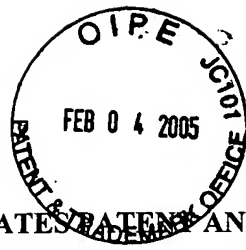
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PATENT

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In re Application of: Osborne et al.

Group Art Unit: 3671

Serial No.: 10/827,300

Examiner: Kovacs, Arpad F.

Filed: April 20, 2004

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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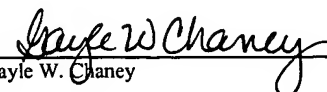
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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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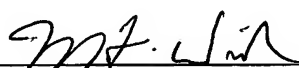
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